



Speech By
Dr Christian Rowan

MEMBER FOR MOGGILL

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SMALL BUSINESS AND CUSTOMER SERVICE
COMMITTEE**

Membership



Dr ROWAN (Moggill—LNP) (Leader of the House) (2.47 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—

That the member for Cairns be discharged from, and the member for Stafford be appointed to, the Local Government, Small Business and Customer Service Committee.

In addressing this motion, I wish to inform the House how section 91B of the Parliament of Queensland Act 2001 currently operates with respect to portfolio committees. Section 91B(2) provides for the following—

The committee comprises 6 members, being—

- (a) 3 members nominated by the Leader of the House; and
- (b) 3 members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition.

As such, it is for the Leader of the Opposition to nominate three members to a specific portfolio committee. In relation to the Local Government, Small Business and Customer Service Committee of the 58th Parliament of Queensland, I have received formal correspondence from the Clerk of the Parliament in which the Leader of the Opposition has asked for the member for Cairns to be discharged from this committee and the member for Stafford to be appointed to this committee. I table a copy of the correspondence.

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 17 February 2025, from the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Steven Miles MP, to the Clerk of the Parliament, Mr Neil Laurie, regarding a change of membership of portfolio committees within the Queensland parliament [96](#).

I inform the House that, as a matter of protocol, convention and required obligation, it is a requirement for the Leader of the House to move a motion to satisfy the Leader of the Opposition's statutory right to nominate members to portfolio committees of the Queensland parliament. Now is an opportunity for the Leader of the Opposition to formally address this motion and justify his nomination of the member for Stafford to this committee and provide an explanation about outstanding issues that remain in the public interest with respect to certain matters before parliamentarians vote on this motion.

Mr SULLIVAN: Mr Speaker, I rise on a matter of personal privilege suddenly arising. The imputations in that motion are again a disgrace, as we saw yesterday. It is on the public record and it is on the record of this House that there are no outstanding matters. I take personal offence and the member should withdraw his remarks.

Mr Bleijie interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member, it is not a matter of privilege suddenly arising. The fact that you did take personal offence: I will accept that.

Dr ROWAN: I withdraw.